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RE-INSTATED

The following unions which were sus-
pended have recently been re-instated
on receipt of the necessary dues at this
office:

Iron Springs, No. 172; Whitla, No.
338; Buffalo Bird, No. 534; Ferry
Point, No. 495; Drumheller, No. 483;
Munson, No. 448, and Vegreville, No. 4.

The name of Colholme Union, No.
508, which was announced in a para-
graph published subsequent to the ap-
pearance of the suspended list as prop-
erly belonging to that list, has also been
re-instated on receipt of \$5 membership
dues.

THE RELIEF FUNDS

The War Relief Funds opened at this
office some time ago to donations by
the unions are steadily increasing, al-
tho there is considerable room for still
further donations. It is a matter of
comment that the Belgian Relief Fund
seems to furnish the strongest appeal
to our local unions, the first donation
to the Red Cross Fund having been re-
ceived this week. This donation, the
amount of which was \$31.15, was re-
ceived from the Women's Auxiliary of
the Acme Union, No. 63. For the Bel-
gian Relief Fund, the receipt of the
following amounts is hereby acknowl-
edged:—

Previously acknowledged.....	\$106.00
Willow Hollow Union, No. 332	40.00
Hawkeye Union, No. 245	32.60

Total\$178.60

FERRY POINT GROWING

Ferry Point Union, No. 493, has sub-
stantially increased its membership over
last year's, the secretary having recent-
ly remitted to this office for forty
members.

JOINED OTHER UNIONS

Notice has recently reached us from
E. L. Ketcheson, Secretary of Buffalo
Bird Union, No. 534, that that organ-
ization is now "hors de combat." This
announcement accompanied a remit-
tance of \$9.50 to put the union in good
standing after being included on our
suspended list, as the former members,
most of whom have amalgamated with
the surrounding unions, did not wish
the union to cease existence as a sus-
pended union. Mr. Ketcheson writes
that altho they did not relish the idea
of giving up the old organization, that
there is, nevertheless, a certain satis-
faction afforded by the thought that no
less than three new locals are practi-
cally off-shoots of the Buffalo Bird Lo-
cal Union.

SUMMERVIEW ACTIVITIES

The following report of the activities
of Summerview Union, No. 147, has
been received from N. H. Nathorst,
Secretary: During the past year the
Summerview Local has met regularly
every month, and the membership at-
tendance, with the exception of once or
twice during the very busy season, has
been on an average, fair. Dominion
Day, being by resolution the day set
for our annual picnic, was again cele-
brated in the prescribed way. The pic-
nic proved more than usually success-
ful, owing to extra pains being taken
by some of our members in preparing
the ground, as well as furnishing an
excellent program of sports. Our Presi-
dents, first and second, as well as the
Directors are to be congratulated on
the way it went off. An added pleas-
ure at the time was the presence of
James Speakman, whose genial ways
and strong, sensible address were much
appreciated.

In co-operative activity this Local
may be said to be in its initiative state,
owing mostly to the hard times that
have prevailed here during the last few
years; still, by sending to Winnipeg to
a firm whose advertisement appears in
The Grain Growers' Guide, we have
been able in a small way to obtain plow-
shares, binder canvas, waggon tongues,

reaches, etc., etc., at a considerably re-
duced price; in fact, at almost half-
price to what was asked by implement
agents. Very good coal oil has been
sold to members at 26 cents per gallon.
In conjunction with the Pincher Creek
Local our members have been able to
secure flour, as well as apples at whole-
sale prices. The last step in the co-
operative move was taken at the last
meeting, when orders for two carloads
of coal were secured.

We expect during the coming winter
months to enliven the monthly meetings
by debates for our further education as
well as enjoyment. For a start to soci-
ability, we intend to give a social con-
cert on the 11th of December, the funds
derived therefrom to be devoted to the
Red Cross Society. An exceptionally
good time and a big crowd is antici-
pated.

TOO BUSY (?)

R. Lindsay, Secretary of Drumheller
Union, No. 483, in reporting to this
office, says that there has been no meet-
ing at the above union for some little
time, most of the farmers in that vicin-
ity having been busy. The union hopes
to be able to resume business again at
an early date and will try to send at
least one representative to the Edmon-
ton Convention.

LAKESIDE UNION

George S. Weger, President of Lake-
side Union, No. 421, writes as follows:
We wish to take this method of thank-
ing Mr. Speakman thru your office for
his presence at our meeting on the even-
ing of the 5th instant, and for the
masterly and instructive address. The
night was exceptionally stormy, but
our meeting place was well filled with
an appreciative audience. We are con-
fident that Mr. Speakman's mission here
was not in vain, and that many of us
see the U.F.A. in a much more favor-
able light than before. It gives us a
decided feeling of self-confidence to be
part and parcel of an organization
which is doing so much and accomplish-
ing big results without ostentation. We
hope to bring our membership up to
the quota it is deserving of.

We regret very much the death of
President Tregillus, and the Union of
Farmers will feel his loss quite keenly.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC WORKER

One of our most enthusiastic U.F.A.
workers is Thos. Toreson, of Wetaski-
win, secretary of Lone Ridge Union, No.
627. Mr. Toreson writes: During the
busy season our union attended meet-
ings very regularly, altho we had two
special meetings since I reported last,
the particular business at these meet-
ings being to take orders for apples
from members of our union. We bought
34 barrels of Nova Scotia apples thru
the Ponoka District Association. After
paying local freight from Ponoka to
Wetaskiwin, they cost us \$4.20 per bar-
rel for No. 1 Winter apples.

Mr. Toreson further reports that a
regular meeting of the Local was held
on the 5th instant at which there was
a good turn-out considering the inclem-
ent weather. The Local gave its first
annual ball and supper in the Lone
Ridge Hall on Thursday evening, Nov.
26. Mr. Toreson has also secured four-
teen subscriptions to The Guide in the
last few days in addition to organizing
the Falun Union, with eleven charter
members, thus showing that although
he believes in charity beginning at
home, he by no means coincides with
the view that it should for ever after
remain there.

LANGDON UNION

Although we have had no report from
Langdon Union, No. 199, for some time
past, a letter recently received from the
Secretary, E. B. Welshimer, furnishes
ample assurance that the Union is by no
means lacking in activity. Mr. Welsh-
imer remits for thirty-three members
and states that the farmers in the vicin-

ity of Langdon have only begun to re-
alize the value of our Association and
are therefore taking hold with a much
firmer grasp than ever before. The
Union handled its flour and wire busi-
ness thru the Alberta Farmers' Co-
operative Elevator Co., and handled two
carloads of lumber co-operatively thru
a local dealer, and on one car alone,
claim to have saved \$160. An arrange-
ment was made with a wholesale hard-
ware firm, whereby hardware in lots
amounting to \$25 or more could be ob-
tained at wholesale prices. It is claimed
that the union has saved over one-half
on paint, and on other articles of hard-
ware about 25 per cent. This is a very
good illustration of what can be ac-
complished by co-operation. Owing to
previous poor attendance at meetings,
Langdon Union will soon discuss the
advisability of dividing the Union into
eastern and western divisions and re-
moving the place of meeting from the
town itself to various houses in the
country.

CO-OPERATIVE FINANCING

W. D. Trego, Director for the Medi-
cine Hat constituency, assisted this
week in the organization of a local
union near Balzac Siding, a few miles
north of Calgary. Mr. Trego states that
we may look for some good work from
this Union as they are an unusually live
group of farmers and have selected good
men for their officers. They have al-
ready appointed a committee to arrange
with one of the Calgary banks for a
line of credit for use in co-operative
buying, their method of financing same
being similar to that in use in the
Gleichen Union, viz., all members to
sign a guarantee with the bank for
\$1,000, for which all are jointly re-
sponsible, so as to have approximately
that amount of credit to furnish funds
for paying for carload shipments of
goods on arrival, and by a proper form
of resolution, authorize the secretary to
sign notes, drafts or checks up to the
required amount, the secretary being
bonded with a guarantee company for
\$1,000, thus furnishing the members
with protection. As the goods are de-
livered, the secretary is to collect the
cash and pay it back to the bank.

EXPERIENCED CROP FAILURE

Roger Jamieson, Secretary of Dowker
Union, reports that the Local expects
to resume regular meetings soon. Owing
to the failure of crops in that vicinity,
many of the farmers are receiving aid
from the government.

THE APPLE TRADE

One of our unions in the Calgary dis-
trict had a rather interesting experi-
ence this fall, which, as the secretary
who reported the affair remarks, goes
to show that the U.F.A. is well assured
of the loyalty of a good share of the
farmers in that district at least. The
Union in question ordered a car of
apples, when orders for only about one-
half a car had been received by the
local secretary. At the same time one
of the local merchants ordered a car of
apples and immediately started an at-
tempt to injure the business the union
was doing along these lines. Different
farmers were approached in various
ways. Some were told that the best of
the apples to be disposed of by the union
were already sold and that they would
be obliged to accept second-grade stuff.
In order to influence others, he attack-
ed the judgment of the union in order-
ing the full carload, when orders had
been received for only one-half of that
amount. Others were informed that
the Farmers' Union was killing the
town and that they would soon have no
place to sell produce, etc. His argu-
ment in other cases was in the form of
a reproach for paying cash for the
commodities handled by the local union
when they had formerly come to him
for credit. This was evidently done
to intimidate those parties who might
expect to require credit in the future.

Of course, a few of the more easily in-
fluenced were persuaded to cancel their
orders with the union. The upshot of
the whole affair was that the union
disposed of the entire carload in less
than half a day, a large number being
turned away. Today, that merchant
has about one-half a carload of apples
in his store and stored away in various
cellars. The secretary of the local
union remarks that it is his opinion
that the U.F.A. at that point will handle
the local apple business this coming
year.

REACHED THE CENTURY

A. M. Phillips, secretary of Cereal
Union reports one hundred members on
the membership roll of the union, and
sixty-four members in good standing.
The annual meeting is to occur on the
first Saturday in December, and inter-
esting reports are promised in the near
future.

WILHELMINA ENTHUSIASTIC

Under date November 20, E. L. Riz-
zier, of Kerriemuir, writes concerning
Wilhelmina Union No. 609. The union
has recently resumed activity and has
installed a union scales at Kerriemuir.
Four cars of coal have been ordered
and the membership of the union is up-
wards of sixty. It is said by all the
members that the union is going to ac-
complish more good this year than it
has this past season.

AN ITEMIZED STATEMENT

A letter just received from C. A.
Fawcett, of Consort, is a model of con-
ciseness in the manner in which state-
ment of remittance is made. The re-
mittance is itemized fully, not only re-
garding membership dues and supplies,
but also as to the year for which mem-
bership dues are paid. The items of
membership dues paid in are under
three headings, arrears for 1913, dues
for 1914, and renewals for 1915. In
this way no doubt is left as to whether
the dues received are for 1914 mem-
bership or paid in advance for the com-
ing season. Just at this time of the year
there is often some confusion at this
office owing to the fact that there is a
failure to itemize remittances properly,
but we trust that this season our secre-
taries will exercise a little more care
in sending remittances to this office and
thus enable us to keep a record at this
office at all times of the paid up mem-
bership of each union, which will cor-
respond in detail with the statement on
the books of the local secretary of that
union.

WILL BUY COAL

In his letter of the 25th instant, R. I.
Houston, of Partridge Hills Union, No.
583, reports that there is a slight re-
vival of interest, and that co-operative
purchases are being considered in a con-
siderable variety of commodities, and
that a car of coal has been purchased
by the members of the union from their
local coal dealer. In the absence of
quotations from the Alberta Farmers'
Co-operative Elevator Co., arrangements
are being made with some mine direct,
as the union expects to handle ten or
twelve carloads during the winter. At
its last meeting the Patriotic and Bel-
gian Relief Funds were discussed, and
it is thought that the discussion will
assume a more substantial shape in the
near future.

A SUGGESTION

An extract from a letter from J. J.
Collins, secretary of Federal Union, No.
374, reads as follows: "As a matter of
suggestion, I would think it a good idea
to have you send out instructions that
prices issued from the Central Office
are for U.F.A. members only, and that
members would not be allowed to club
their orders with non-members. All
those advantages are what is going to
build up the unions and cause men who
are standing out to join the ranks, and
that is what we want—something that
appeals to the man's pocket."